

REMARKS

I. General

Claims 9-17 and 21-29 are pending, and 9-17 and 29 are rejected by the Final Office Action mailed June 12, 2006. The issues in the current Office Action are as follows:

- Claims 9-17 and 21-29 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-15 of US 6,654,908.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his professionalism and courtesy during the prosecution of this application.

II. Double Patenting Rejection

The currently-pending claims are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-15 of US 6,654,908, but are otherwise indicated as allowable. Applicant includes herein a terminal disclaimer to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, it is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance and issue.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10002399-2, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: September 11, 2006

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